

STUDENT VISA – GENERAL INFORMATION

The Consulate General in Miami has jurisdiction over the following states: **Florida, Georgia and South Carolina**.

Foreigners wishing to conduct **research, training** (non-salaried basis), take **studies** in educational centers (public or private) officially recognized in Spain, or have been accepted as **Languages or cultural assistants** must apply for this type of visa.

American citizens (or any other nationality that does not require visa to enter in Spain) visiting for less than 90 days for studies purposes **do not need** to apply for this visa.

The student visa application must be submitted in person, from **Monday to Friday between 08:30 am and 13:30 pm (NO APPOINTMENTS, first come first sever basis)**, on the official form, at the diplomatic mission or Spanish Consulate in which the applicant is legal resident. In case of minors, the applicant must be accompanied by their parents or guardians duly accredited.

Honorary Consulates of Spain cannot process visa applications.

Applications with **more than 90 days in advance** of the starting program will not be accepted.

The process to get this type of visa might take approximately **2 to 4 weeks**. This General Consulate recommends not purchasing plane tickets until your visa has been granted.

The Consulate General of Spain in Miami has full authority to evaluate **and request documents in addition** to those initially submitted by the applicant.

WHAT TO SUBMIT (Original and copy of all the documents requested)

1. **Two National Visa Application form**, completed and signed.

http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/MIAMI/es/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Documents/National_Visa_Application.pdf

2. **Two recent photos in color** (US passport size), with a uniform and clear background, preferably white. Photos with a dark background or in which objects or people are seen behind the head will not be accepted. Please **do not staple** or use any other option apart from glue to attach the photo to the form.

3. **Passport or recognized travel document** valid for at least the length of stay requested. **Original and Copy**.

4. **Immigration status in US (not applicable for US citizens)**: Green Card, valid US student visa, work permit (stamp on the passport) or parole. **Original and Copy**.

5. **Driver's license and/or Student Card** to prove their legal residence in our jurisdiction (**Original and copy**).

6. **Certificate of admission** issued in Spain by any authorized university or school, **verifying enrollment as a full-time student**, leading to obtaining a degree or certificate. The certificate must detail: Name of the program, duration (start and end dates), address, phone number, name of the person in charge of the program (the certificate of admission must be presented in **Spanish**).

7. **Proof economic means** to cover the expenses of stay and return to your country, and, where

appropriate, those of your relatives. For the applicant's support, a minimum amount of **\$600 per month** unless it is duly accredited to have the accommodation paid in advance for the entire duration of the stay. For the support of **family members** during their stay in Spain: a minimum amount of **\$450** for the first family member and; **\$300** per month for each of the remaining family members who will integrate the family unit in Spain.

Please provide at least one of the following:

- a) **Letter from the university or school** in Spain or in the US assuming full financial responsibility during your stay (this is often included into the acceptance letter).
- b) **Proof of financial aid or scholarship** for at least \$600 per month for room and board.
- c) **Notarized letter from the parents or legal guardians** assuming full financial responsibility for at least \$600 per month for room and board. Suggested wording: "I hereby certify that I'm the (father/mother/other) of (...), will support him/her with a monthly allowance of at least \$600 while he/she is in Spain and that I'm financially responsible for any emergency that may arise", along with their bank statements and applicant's Birth certificate.
- d) **Personal bank account statements** showing at least \$600 per month of stay.

This amount is in addition to the amount used or to be used to cover cost of studies.

8. **Consular fee.** Payment must be made by MONEY ORDER (not refundable). We do not accept any other type of payments.to: "**CONSULATE GENERAL OF SPAIN**". Student visa fee for US citizens is \$160.

<http://www.exteriores.gob.es/Consulados/MIAMI/en/InformacionParaExtranjeros/Pages/Visa%20Requirements/Visas-Fees.aspx>

9. **Proof of public or private health insurance** from an insurer recognized and authorized to operate in Spain. The insurance must cover all risks normally covered for nationals and must be maintained for the entire duration of the authorization.

It must cover at least all the preventive, diagnostic, treatment and rehabilitation assistance activities that are carried out in health centers or socio-health centers, as well as urgent health transport.

When the length of stay exceeds six months, medical certificate and certificate of criminal record are also required:

10. **Medical certificate (original and copy):** A recent doctor's statement, dated no more than three months before the application date, with the doctor or medical center's letterhead, duly signed, stamped and translated into Spanish by a sworn/certified translator stating:

"This medical certificate certifies that Mr. / Ms. (...) Does not suffer from any diseases that may have serious implications for public health in accordance with the provisions of the International Health Regulations 2005".

11. **Certificate of criminal record dated no more than three months** before the application date, stating that applicant does not have criminal record in countries where it has resided for the past five years. Not apply for students under 18 years old. **Original and Copy.**

In the US you can request the one issued by the US Department of Justice- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or the one issued by the Department of Law Enforcement of your State of residence. **We do not accept local police criminal certificates:**

INFO FBI BACKGROUND CHECK DEPARTMENT OF STATE

<https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks>

INFO FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

<https://www.fdle.state.fl.us/Criminal-History-Records/Obtaining-Criminal-History-Information.aspx>

INFO GEORGIA BACKGROUND CHECK

<https://gbi.georgia.gov/services/obtaining-criminal-history-record-information-frequently-asked-questions>

You can obtain a copy of your Georgia criminal record from most sheriff's offices or police departments. Contact your local law enforcement agency for specific requirements for obtaining a copy of your Georgia criminal record. A local police certificate will be accepted as long as it indicates that the search was conducted at the state level, not just at the local or county level

INFO SOUTH CAROLINA BACKGROUND CHECK

<https://catch.sled.sc.gov/>

The criminal record, either the FBI or The Department of Law Enforcement, must be legalized with the **Apostille certification** and **translated into Spanish by a sworn/certified translator**. (Submit originals of criminal certificate, apostille and translation into Spanish, along with copies of all the documents).

Traducciones: **AMERICAN TRANSLATORS ASSOCIATION** <https://www.atanet.org/>

INFO DEPARTMENT OF STATE APOSTILLE

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/records-and-authentications/authenticate-your-document/apostille-requirements.html>

INFO FLORIDA APOSTILLE

<https://dos.myflorida.com/sunbiz/other-services/apostille-notarial-certification/https://dos.myflorida.com/sunbiz/other-services/apostille-notarial-certification/>

INFO GEORGIA APOSTILLE

https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/Elections/great_seal

INFO SOUTH CAROLINA APOSTILLA

<https://sos.sc.gov/services-and-filings/apostilles>

If the applicant has spent six month or more during the last five years in another country/State, he/she must submit the police records from that country/State, legalized with the Apostille Certification and translated into Spanish. If the country is not part of the Hague Convention the document must be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and then by the Spanish Consulate in that country.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In the event of granting the visa, the applicant must collect it within two months of notification. Collection not made within that period shall mean that the person concerned has waived the visa granted and the filling of the proceedings will occur.

Once the visa has been collected, the applicant must enter the Spanish territory during the period of validity of the visa. Upon entry and within the first thirty days, applicant must apply for a Foreigner Identity Card or TIE at the "**Comisaría de Extranjería y Documentación**" in the city where the classes are taken. The TIE will be valid for as long as the student is enrolled in the program in Spain. In the case of minors, this procedure may be carried out by a representative.

If the duration of the studies does not exceed six months, the visa will be sufficient to document the stay.

STUDENT VISA FOR MINORS (UNDER 18 YEARS)

When a minor is traveling without their parents, the application must be submitted by their parents or legal guardians duly accredited. Presence of the minor is also required.

In addition to the documents detailed above (requirements 1 to 10), you must submit the following:

- **Original birth certificate** of the minor **translated into Spanish** and legalized with the **Apostille certification**. If the country is not part of the Hague Convention the document must be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and then by the Spanish Consulate in that country. **(Original and Copy)**.
- Notarized **copies of parents IDs/passports**.
- **Notarized authorization letter** of both parents or legal guardians to travel to Spain for the purpose of carrying out the activity in question, with proof of the center, organization, entity, and person in charge for the activity and the planned length of stay. It must state information about people who will take care of the minor once in Spain, with their names, surnames, ID or NIE numbers and address. (This letter must be presented in **Spanish**).

RELATIVES OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

"Relative" means for this purpose, the spouse, common-law partner and children under eighteen or children with disabilities and not objectively able to provide for their own needs due to their health status. Relatives will not be entitled to work during their stay in Spain.

Foreigners who have applied for a student visa or who are in Spain in the study regime may apply for the corresponding stay visas for their relatives so that they can legally enter and stay in Spain for the duration of such studies or research, without being required a prior period of stay by the foreign student or researcher. The visas may be presented simultaneously with the application for a student visa by the student or researcher, or at any subsequent time during the period of validity of the authorized student residence.

In addition to the documents detailed above (requirements 1 to 11), you must submit the following:

- **Original Birth Certificate** of children legalized with the Apostille certification and translated in Spanish. Attach a copy of identifications of both parents. If the parents are divorced, submit the final divorce and custody sentence of the child legalized with the Apostille certification. If the country is not part of the Hague Convention the document must be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and then by the Spanish Consulate in that country. **(Original and Copy)**.
- **Original Marriage Certificate** legalized with the Apostille certification and translated into Spanish. If the country is not part of the Hague Convention the document must be legalized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and then by the Spanish Consulate in that country. **(Original and Copy)**.
- **Proof of validity of a common-law partner relationship** not-registered previously constituted.